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In the matter of Trademark Application Serial No. 76/212,011

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SINCLAIR OIL CORPORATION	) Opposition No. 91152940	
Opposer,	<b>\( \)</b>	
V.	MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO APPLICANT'S	
SUMATRA KENDRICK	) "AMENDMENT TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION"	
Applicant.	) ) )	

Opposer Sinclair Oil Corporation ("Sinclair Oil") hereby moves for a one-week extension of time to respond to Applicant's "Amendment to Notice of Opposition" dated September 27, 2006. Applicant's "Amendment to Notice of Opposition" was served by first class mail. Accordingly, pursuant to the applicable rules, Sinclair Oil's response is due October 17, 2006. The requested one week extension would make Sinclair Oil's response due October 24, 2006.

The standard for granting an extension of a prescribed period prior to the expiration of that period is good cause. See Fed.R.Civ.P. 6(b)(1) and TBMP Section 509. The Board is liberal in granting an extension of time when the extension if filed prior to the expiration of the time period, when "the moving party has not been guilty of negligence or bad faith and the privilege of extensions is not abused." American Vitamin Prods., Inc. v. DowBrands, Inc., 22 USPQ2d 1313, 1316 (TTAB 1992).

Sinclair Oil has not "been guilty of negligence or bad faith" and has not abused the privilege of extensions. Rather, counsel for Sinclair Oil has been traveling and has also been tied up on a separate matter currently pending before the United States District Court, District of Arizona involving a motion for preliminary injunction. Sinclair Oil respectfully submits that this is sufficient to meet the required showing of good cause. See Societa Per Azioni Chianti Ruffino Esportanzione Vinicola Toscana v. Colli Spolentini Spoletoducale SCRL, 59 USPQ2d 1383, 1383-84 (TTAB 2001) ("The press of other litigation may indeed constitute good cause for an extension of time" even when seeking to extend the testimony period.).

In addition, in an Order mailed August 28, 2006 the Board allowed Applicant thirty (30) days to file an Answer to the Amended Notice of Opposition and an Opposition to the Motion for Summary Judgment filed by Sinclair Oil. On September 27, 2006, Applicant filed the document entitled "Amendment to Notice of Opposition." It is currently unclear to Sinclair Oil what Applicant was responding to when she filed the "Amendment to Notice of Opposition." As a result, there is uncertainty as to what response from Sinclair Oil is necessary and/or appropriate.

Counsel for Sinclair Oil represents that the present motion is not for the purpose of delay or other impermissible purpose. Counsel for Sinclair Oil attempted to contact Applicant on multiple occasions but was not able to speak with Applicant to obtain agreement on the present request for an extension of time. The present Opposition is currently suspended and the requested extension will not prejudice Applicant.

Thus, Sinclair Oil respectfully submits that it has established good cause and its motion for a one week extension of time should be granted.

## DATED this 17<sup>4h</sup> day of October, 2006.

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